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Significance: This barrack provided living facilities for personnel stationed at Nike Missile Base C-84. Standardized drawings indicate that the installation's two barracks housed enlisted men, officers, and non-commissioned officers (N.C.O.). Each barrack contained an officers' lounge, an N.C.O. lounge, several storage rooms, a heater room, a restroom with multiple sinks and toilets, a shower room, and a sleeping room for enlisted men.

The building was built in 1956 from standardized drawings approved by the Corps of Engineers, most of which were designed by the firm of Leon Chatelian, Jr., of Washington, D.C. Nike buildings were considered modified emergency buildings. Originally, they were to be pre-fabricated structures, but were rather unsightly and did not contribute to troop morale and, therefore, were changed to modified emergency design.

Description: The barrack is a one story masonry structure with concrete footings, foundations and floors, cinder block walls, built-up roofs, sealed and painted interior walls and ceiling, tile floors, and electrical service. The restrooms, including the shower stalls, are tiled with ceramic tiles.

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